REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted prosecution to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121: (1) Claims 1-29, drawn to an external counterpulsation apparatus, classified in Class 606, subclass 152; or (2) Claims 30-34, drawn to a method of controlling external counterpulsation, classified in Class 128, subclass 898.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and elects Claims 1-29.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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